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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Martin C. Flautt et al.
Serial No.: 09/409,457
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For: SUPERABSORBENT WATER-RESISTANT COATINGS

Examiner: Dr. Kelechi C. Ekwim
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PETITION FOR THREE MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

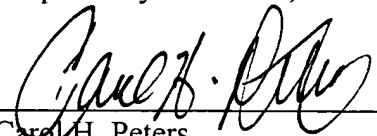
Applicant respectfully requests three months extension of time, to and including April 1, 2004, to file a response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003. A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the requisite small entity fee to file a petition for three months extension of time. Should the check be insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance required to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-3011, referencing Attorney Docket No. 27585-018.

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